

# News Release

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## **Follow-Up to Officer Involved Shooting in Thurmont**

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Frederick County Emergency Communications Center received a call at approximately 1:20 a.m. from a male subject stating that he was on Sandy Spring Lane in Thurmont and could see a male suspect with a gun breaking into a residence through a back window, and was inside of the house at that time. The caller provided a description of the male and the call ended. Thurmont Police Department, Frederick County Sheriff's Office, and Maryland State Police responded to the area to investigate further.

While en-route, information was received about the possible male suspect being suicidal and implicating suicide by cop. It was also stated the suspect currently had a gun on him. Additionally, it was learned that the responding Thurmont Police Department officer had assisted the current female resident of this address a few hours prior in filing a protective order against a male subject. Because of this, it was believed that a female resident and children were inside of the residence.

Upon arrival, officers approached on foot and encountered a male matching the description given coming from the backyard of the involved residence. Verbal commands were given to the man, at which time he stated he had a gun on him. The male was walking down the driveway toward Sandy Spring Lane then turned and started to walk back toward the house. At this time, officers saw the suspect was holding a handgun. Additional commands were given for the suspect to put the gun down, however the suspect refused and continued walking toward the residence. A deputy with the Frederick County Sheriff's Office discharged his patrol rifle one time and struck the male. Immediate first aid was provided to the suspect and EMS was called to the residence, however the male was pronounced deceased on scene.

Once the scene was secure, it was determined that there was no one was inside of the residence at the time of the incident. The Frederick County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Unit and Crime Scene Unit were called to the scene at that time to further investigate the incident.

The male suspect was identified as **Abraham Arellano, 26, of Thurmont**. Next of kin notification has been made.

Investigators were able to prove that Arellano was in fact the caller reporting a male fitting his description breaking into the residence with a gun. Investigators determined that Arellano had recently just moved from the address due to ongoing domestic issues. Just a few hours prior to

this incident, the current resident of the address had applied for a protective order against Arellano.

The investigation into the shooting is still ongoing. The Sheriff's deputy that fired the shot has been placed on administrative leave per standard agency policy.

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### **Officer Involved Shooting in Thurmont**

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is currently investigating an officer involved shooting that occurred on Sandy Spring Lane in Thurmont at approximately 1:30 a.m. this morning, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There is one deceased adult male on scene. No law enforcement officers were injured. The circumstances of the shooting are still being investigated at this time and more updates will be provided as they become available.

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